

Kids 'n Kinship Fall News!



Annual Pool Party!
Come join us for swimming, rock painting & basketball at the MN Valley YMCA!
Sunday, November 5th - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
13850 Portland Avenue South, Burnsville
952-898-YMCA

Schedule:

11:00 Sign In
11:00–12:30 Swimming / Rock Painting / Basketball - Gym Time
12:30 Announcements / Goodbyes, Lunch to go

Who can attend? Volunteers/children who are matched and their families, waiting list children and their parent and siblings who live in the household.

You MUST pre-register in order to be admitted.

Pre-register by November 1st online at: <https://knkpoolparty2017.eventbrite.com>

Note: No cutoffs or floatation devices are allowed in the pool. (Life jackets are okay.) Please bring swimsuits, your own towel(s) & a padlock if desired for lockers.

Children must be with an adult at all times.

Parents please note – at our outings, we take photos for use in our newsletter, website and possibly other venues. Please inform us if you do not want your child's photo and first name used.

Mentoring Match Highlight

These 2 have been matched almost 4.5 years!
They get together every week on the same day - rain or shine! Currently they love to walk and talk about life.



Beth says "We have a very easy going friendship and love to laugh together and try new things. Too many to count, but I like when we do crafty things such as mosaic initial letter. I also enjoyed baking Christmas cookies and laughing at our attempt at a homemade pie crust for an Apple pie. Dejanae has the best sense of humor". Dejanae says their friendship is really tight, and they are very close. "Because of her my life has been more fun, and I feel like I'm free from all the stress from school and home when we are together."

"I share with my friends how rewarding our weekly adventures are and how Dejanae keeps me young. My life is fuller and I look forward to our outings. I am more aware of Burnsville community activities as I am looking for new things to do. I have learned that you do not need to plan activities, hanging out for the evening works too. I am a better person because of this experience. I look forward to continue to watch Dejanae grow into an amazing teenager."

They are a great example of what fun a match can be!!

Welcome New Mentor Matches!

Jack Phillips and Jai Michael
Dennis Peterson and Keith
Rudoy Family and Gabe
Melissa Wikstrom and Aryana

Community Resources available this fall:

Coats for Kids Distribution

For information about the Salvation Army distribution of coats for kids, hats and gloves too, call 952-898-9367

Holiday Help

Check online for Armful of Love through 360 Communities - you will need to make an appointment now at 952-985-5300 - Please do not wait to call - registration opens Oct. 12.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR YOU?

We are seeking volunteers who would like to mentor one student, one hour per week, during the school day through Kids 'n Kinship's school-based program. You might work on spelling words, math, a science project, reading, journaling or enjoying lunch together. School based mentoring is fun and rewarding. Support comes from the teacher, school social worker, parent and your staff at Kids 'n Kinship! We have programs in elementary schools in Eagan, Apple Valley or Rosemount. For more information, contact Rita at 651-686-0990 or rykinship@aol.com.

Successful 45TH Anniversary Gala!



Kids ‘n Kinship had a fabulous gala on Sunday September 17th at Brackett’s Crossing Country Club! James Backstrom was our emcee; Andy Tackett provided lovely music; entertainment was provided by Lakeville South Encore and Lakeville North Now & Then Singers. We had a record breaking attendance and silent auction! Everyone was moved by a wonderful testimonial from a mentee and his mentor. The wine / growler / craft beer “pulls” proved popular again and sold out early. Our heartfelt thanks to all of the committee members, sponsors, donors, mentors and participants who made the night a huge success. We raised \$34,000.00, enabling us to continue providing mentors to youth. Our all volunteer committee did an outstanding job! Special thanks to our Committee Members:

Chair: Laurie Thulien

Bette Schenian	Bev Kontola
Bree Becker	Cheryl Spangler
Chris Headrick	Dawn Kalb
Deena Mahowald	Denise Lutz
Heather Champine	Jennifer Carlson
Karen Anderson	Karen Kooda
Kathy Kelly	Kris Carberry
Monica Jensen	Nancy Gluth
Sherry Elder	Tim Greife

[Special thanks to all of our Gala Donors!!](#)

Ways you can support Kids 'n Kinship this fall:

United Way Donor Choice

Watch your employee news for the United Way Pledge drive. Kids ‘n Kinship is eligible to be written in on the “Restrict My Gift” section or under “other” on the online form. Please be sure to write “Kids ‘n Kinship”, not just Kinship, on your donation card.

AmazonSmile

Do you know Kids-n-Kinship has a unique AmazonSmile link for funding support? When shopping Amazon, click on Kids ‘n Kinship as your charitable organization:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1395432> AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Kids ‘n Kindship. With the holidays fast approaching – Get Shopping Now!

Give to the Max Day is November 16th! Mark your calendars!

Although Give to the Max Day is set for Thursday, November 16, donors may make their gifts during our scheduled giving period from November 1 – November 15.

<https://givemn.org/organization/kids-n-kinship>

Donate your bikes!

Rick Anderson is seeking bike donations for his sale benefiting Kids 'n Kinship. The 9th annual bike sale was a huge success, with 366 bikes sold generating \$34,961. Storage space for the bikes is also needed now through May. Looking for 600-800 square feet with a clean, dry floor. (no dirt floors) Preferred within 8-10 miles of Apple Valley. For more information, please visit: www.ricksbikesale.com; call Rick at 952-240-3820, or email him at andersonrick52@gmail.com

[Thank you to our new and ongoing donors!!](#)

Interested in becoming a mentor?

Attend our next information session on
Monday, October 30 from 6:00 - 6:45 pm at
Wescott Library in Eagan

or

Contact us at:

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- John F. Kennedy



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